
2015 Instructional Materials Caravan

Registration Information

The South Carolina Department of Education is coordinating with publishers to conduct an instructional materials caravan that will give school and district staff the opportunity to review new materials during presentations by participating publishers. The intent of the caravan is to give districts and schools equal time with publishers, to alleviate some of the process for the local adoption coordinators, and to ensure high quality materials are available for the classroom.

Since the State Legislature is currently working on the 2015–16 budget, we cannot predict the level of instructional materials funding for the upcoming school year. However, in order to be prepared should funding become available, the following areas will have publisher presentations:

Caravan Presentations

- Agricultural Education
- Economics, 9–12
- Social Studies, 6–7
- Cursive Writing, 2–5

District and school administrators and teachers should attend these informative sessions. Registration must be completed prior to the event to allow Department staff and publishers to adequately plan for the number of attendees. This caravan announcement has been posted at www.mysctextbooks.com; and can be seen by clicking on the “What’s New” link. Caravan agendas will be posted on this website by February 27 and sent to registered participants closer to the date of their meeting. Please use the following link to register for one of the caravan dates listed below:

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2015-Caravan-Registration>

Caravan	Date	Location
Aiken	Monday, March 16	USC-Aiken, Conference Center/Business & Education Building
Columbia	Tuesday, March 17	Saluda Shoals Park, River Center
Rock Hill	Wednesday, March 18	Baxter Hood Conference Center, York Technical College
Greenville/Spartanburg	Thursday, March 19	To be announced
Clemson	Friday, March 20	Madren Conference Center, Clemson University
Charleston	Monday March 23	Doubletree Hotel, North Charleston
Horry	Tuesday, March 24	Horry Georgetown Technical College – Grand Strand Campus
Florence	Wednesday, March 25	Hilton Garden Inn, Hospitality Boulevard
Beaufort	Thursday, March 26	Holiday Inn Hotel, Boundary Street

Districts and schools should order examination samples for the caravan areas using their usual process. Publishers participating in the caravan will not schedule local presentations on the days of the caravan.

English Language Arts 9–12 will be the first adoption area funded for the upcoming school year. Unfortunately, K–5 Social Studies is not one of the areas anticipated to be funded. More information about the district selections including the timeline, additional adoption areas that are not part of the caravan but will need local adoptions conducted, and the list of programs with publisher contact information will be sent to district instructional materials coordinators by the end of February.

For questions or additional information, please contact the State Instructional Materials Office, (803) 832-8210.